



STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

- WHEREAS: Senator Paul Wellstone always stood strong for the causes and convictions in which he believed; and
- WHEREAS: Paul's steadfast faith in Minnesotans allowed him to take principled positions because he knew they were right, not because he thought they would be popular; and
- WHEREAS: Paul was a very successful United States Senator because of his tireless work on behalf of Minnesotans and his ability to make special connections with millions of other Americans; and
- WHEREAS: Paul was known as the "Conscience of the Senate," for he was eloquent, astute, and principled. He wanted to be a Senator not for himself, but for what he could do for others; and
- WHEREAS: Paul and Sheila Wellstone were married for 33 years, and she was his "Rock of Gibraltar," his best friend, and closest confidant; and
- WHEREAS: Paul and Sheila were devoted and adoring parents to their children, Dave, Marcia, and Mark, and to their grandson, Josh; and
- WHEREAS: Paul did so much to better our state, our country, and our world; and he would have done so much more if he had the chance; and
- WHEREAS: Paul Wellstone, his wife Sheila, his daughter Marcia, three close friends and top aides — DFL Associate Chair Mary McEvoy, Tom Lopic, and Will McLaughlin — and two pilots were killed in a terrible plane crash on October 25, 2002; and
- WHEREAS: Sixteen years later, so many Minnesotans and other Americans still mourn Paul's loss, for he was irreplaceable as a leader, a politician, and a friend; and
- WHEREAS: The special bond between Paul and the people he represented was unbreakable until the end of his life and beyond. That bond endures to this day and will for many years to come.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim Thursday, October 25, 2018, as:

WELLSTONE REMEMBRANCE DAY

in the State of Minnesota.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Minnesota to be affixed at the State Capitol this 12th day of October.


GOVERNOR



SECRETARY OF STATE